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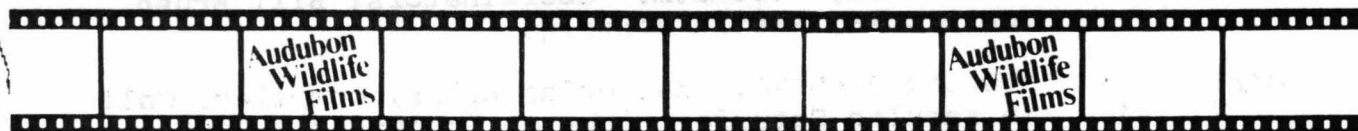
Thirty-Seventh Season

The Ethical Society of St. Louis

9001 Clayton Road

8:15 P.M.

These programs are free and open to
the public



Friday
March 28, 1980

Walter Berlet

"Mountain Magic:
Tetons, Banff and Alaska"

Twenty years ago, Walt Berlet made a film on the Rocky Mountains. Now he has returned to the high wilderness to bring you this superb account of the birth and life of mountains, of the plants and animals that live on them and, in beautiful detail, the life history of that symbol of the Rockies, the bighorn sheep. From the story of the beginnings of mountains to the sight and sound of the bighorn rams crashing horns, Walt's camera guides you through the breathtaking scenery you'll feel you've never really known or appreciated before.



Friday
April 25, 1980

Norm Wakeman

"Inside Passage to Alaska"

Glacier Bay, Alaska. One of the most spectacular sights in the Pacific Northwest. 200 to 300 years ago, most of the bay you'll be seeing did not exist. Uncovered by the retreat of the glaciers, it has become a life laboratory fitted out in incomparable splendor, from the glaciers calving off into the sea and the killer whales to the oyster catchers and puffins. To get there — the Inside Passage—with dolphins and hump-back whales along the way. Norm takes you on a tour you won't forget—especially not the awesome beauty and raw force of the glaciers.

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SAINT LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY

SPECIAL EVENTS

- March 16 National Audubon West Central Regional Conference, Grand Island, Nebraska.
- March 19 ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY TOUR TO YUCATAN, MEXICO. 4 MORE VIP TOURISTS MAY BE ACCEPTED. See details in this issue of THE BULLETIN. If interested call 965-8642 NOW!!
- March 28 Wildlife Film, The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, 8:15 p.m. See page #1, THE BULLETIN.
- April 20 Forest Park Spring Bird Walks. Meet in back of Art Museum, 8:00 a.m. Coordinators: Martin Schweig and Tom Brooks.
- April 25 Wildlife Film, The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, 8:15 p.m. See page #1, THE BULLETIN.
- April 27 Forest Park Spring Bird Walks. Meet in back of Art Museum, 8:00 a.m. Coordinators: Bill Brush, Tom Brooks, Martin Schweig.
- May 3 BIG DAY BIRDING. Katherine Arhos, compiler. Call in results Saturday night or Sunday--831-3090.
- May 4 Forest Park Bird Walks. See April 20 and 27 for details. Coordinators: Tom Brooks, Dave Ulmer and Martin Schweig.
- May 18 Spring Workshops and Outing at Sunny Ranch, home of Burrell and Ruby Pickering. Come as early as you like and SHARE A RIDE. See Page #4, THE BULLETIN.
- May 11 Forest Park Bird Walks. See above listings for April and May. Coordinators: Jack Van Benthuyssen, Martin Schweig, and members of the WGNS "Thursday Group".
- May 19 Annual Meeting and Election, Junior League, 8250 Clayton Road. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00. Program: Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Hecker, ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE. Price \$12.50.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF THE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
SECTION, SAINT LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY.....SPRING - 1980

March 4

7:45 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY CRITIQUE: Don't miss this. This was THE outstanding event of last season. The same panel of three noted photographers will critique your slides and photographs. Bring up to 6 slides or 6 prints to be discussed by these experts. Have your name and address on each slide or photo. Only you will handle your slides. You will put them into a carousel reel provided at the meeting. At the end of the program remove your own slides from the reel. Photos will be displayed for viewing and criticism.

Meeting Place: Clayton-Federal Savings & Loan Auditorium, Elm and Lockwood, Webster Groves.

Meeting Host: Gary Giessow.

CRITICS: Martin Schweig, Jr., past president of the St. Louis Audubon Society, and president of Schweig Studio and Gallery. His nature photographs have been published in many magazines and books, both here and abroad. Mr. Schweig has mastered the skill of catching on film the often fleeting moment that gives eloquence to a photograph.

Hugo Harper of Washington University is a photo-journalist whose work consistently appears in major magazines. His interest goes beyond still photography in that he also produces educational and documentary films.

Professional photographer Neil Sauer has his own studio, and specializes in commercial advertising illustrations. All good photographs "say something," and in advertising photos it is essential that they do, says Mr. Sauer.

March 23

10:00 a.m.
to 1:00

PHOTOGRAPHY WALK. LAUMEIER PARK, GEYER AND ROTT ROADS.

LEADER: Herman Brune

Laumeier Park has hiking trails, picnic shelters and the well-known Sculpture Garden. The LAST WEEK OF APRIL and the FIRST WEEK OF MAY is always the peak of the wildflower bloom in Missouri. Come prepared to find many floral subjects. Bring lunch, if you like, and spend as much time as you wish.

April 1

7:45 p.m.

PUT THE STARS IN YOUR PICTURES: That's the title of the most unusual program we've ever offered. Mr. Robert Cox of O'Fallon will be the speaker. Engaged in the field of optics for McDonnell-Douglas, Mr. Cox has been involved in astrophotography as a hobby since 1933. Being involved in optics he has great interest in lenses and technical tidbits, and he promises to pass along to us some valuable tips. Mr. Cox will touch on photography of the moon, planets, stars and star trails, comets and the aurora. He will discuss combining astronomical and terrestrial photography by making composites of two separate exposures. His talk will be illustrated with his own 35mm slides. Come prepared to take notes.

Meeting Place: Clayton-Federal Savings & Loan Auditorium, Elm and Lockwood, Webster Groves.

Meeting Host: Dr. Gary Shackelford.

April 27
10:00 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY WALK. DOUBLETREE FARM, POND, MISSOURI.
Doubletree Farm is the nature preserve and purebred Arabian breeding farm of Mrs. Jane Ambruster Beard. Wildflowers should be in bloom, and be sure to bring a plastic bag to take home your gift of water cress. Directions--take highway 40 to Airport Road, then Airport Road to Wild Horse Creek Road. Continue to Highway C and turn right on highway 109, pass the entrance to Babler Park/to Pond Road. Doubletree Farm will be on your left and sign will be out for you. Leaders: Connie Hath, Jane Ambruster Beard.

WILL YOU TAKE A PASSENGER - OR DO YOU NEED A RIDE - IF SO MEET "UNDER THE DOVE" AT WEST COUNTY SHOPPING CENTER, I-270 and MANCHESTER ROAD BY 9:15 a.m. We'll leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. - so don't be left at the Dove. Bring lunch, wear comfortable clothing and don't forget camera, film and gadgets.

May 6
7:45 p.m.

"WHAT IS IT? IDENTIFICATION SESSION."

Dig out those slides and photos of subjects you have not been able to identify. Find out what that "yellow flower, funny bug, pretty mushroom, the bird you don't know, or the furry little thing" really is. Six naturalists, biologists, each an expert, will tell you what you have photographed. The panel will be: (alphabetically) Art Christ, Dorothy Cole, Jim Jackson, Walter Liddell, Rev. James Sullivan and Mary Wiese. Don't miss this rare opportunity to have such a knowledgeable panel help you with identification. You may bring up to 10 slides or photographs. You will be the only one to handle your slides. You will put them in the reel provided and remove them after the program. Photos will be displayed for viewing and discussion.

Meeting Place: Clayton Federal Savings & Loan Auditorium, Elm and Lockwood, Webster Groves.

Meeting hostess: Katherine Chambers.

May 18
Come early
as you
like

PICKERING "SUNNY RANCH" SPRING OUTING: this is a combined event of members and friends of the Saint Louis Audubon Society and the Webster Groves Nature Study Society and always a highlight event. Ruby and Burrell Pickering, owners of this remarkable wildlife preserve, will be your hosts. Burrell is arranging to have expert naturalists conduct nature hikes, instructors on the photography walks, and experts in all areas of biology answer questions. The Pickering Nature Museum offers an outstanding collection of nature objects and educational displays. This is a Family Affair. Bring lunch and have a Wonderful Day. Directions: West on I-70 to Foristell exit (32 miles west of Lindbergh). Turn left, head south on Highway T for 5 miles to Highway M. Right on M for 1 1/2 miles to Highway O. Left on O another 2 miles to Sunny Ranch Gate on left side of road. Go through the gate and drive 1/2 mile to the parking area.

WILL YOU TAKE A PASSENGER - DO YOU NEED A RIDE - THEN MEET "UNDER THE DOVE" AT WEST COUNTY SHOPPING CENTER, I-270 and MANCHESTER ROAD AT 9:15. WE'LL LEAVE AT 9:30.

In case of inclement
weather the outing will
be May 25.

June 3
7:45 p.m.

SLIDE SHOW VARIATIONS: Seeing in three-dimensions - A stereo presentation by Fred Helfesrieder, a guaranteed optical treat. "Put a Little Tabasco in Your Slide Shows", by humorist Jim Steckman, and "Getting the Most Out of a Trip Photographically", by Al Lodwick.
Meeting place: Clayton-Federal Savings & Loan Auditorium, Elm and Lockwood, Webster Groves.
Meeting Hostess: Lee Mason.

June 8
10:00 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY WALK: MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN ARBORETUM, Gray Summit, MO.
Meet at the main gate. Special entrance fee for photo group. Bring camera gear and lunch. Remember a notebook and pencil and wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.
Directions: Drive west on Highway 44 to Gray Summit exit, then south over the overpass. Arboretum entrance in just west of the overpass...almost directly across from the Diamonds Restaurant.
WILL YOU TAKE A PASSENGER - OR DO YOU NEED A RIDE - THEN MEET "UNDER THE DOVE" AT WEST COUNTY SHOPPING CENTER, I-270 and MANCHESTER ROAD BY 9:15 a.m. We leave promptly at 9:30. DON'T BE LEFT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE DOVE!

If you are not a member of National Audubon and the Saint Louis Audubon, a Chapter of National, and are interested in receiving information about the Photography Section and other activities of the local Chapter, you may be a subscriber to THE BULLETIN FOR \$8.00. Use the application blank on this page.

name

Address and zip code

Special interest....photography, birding, botany, etc.

\$ 8.00

Check enclosed

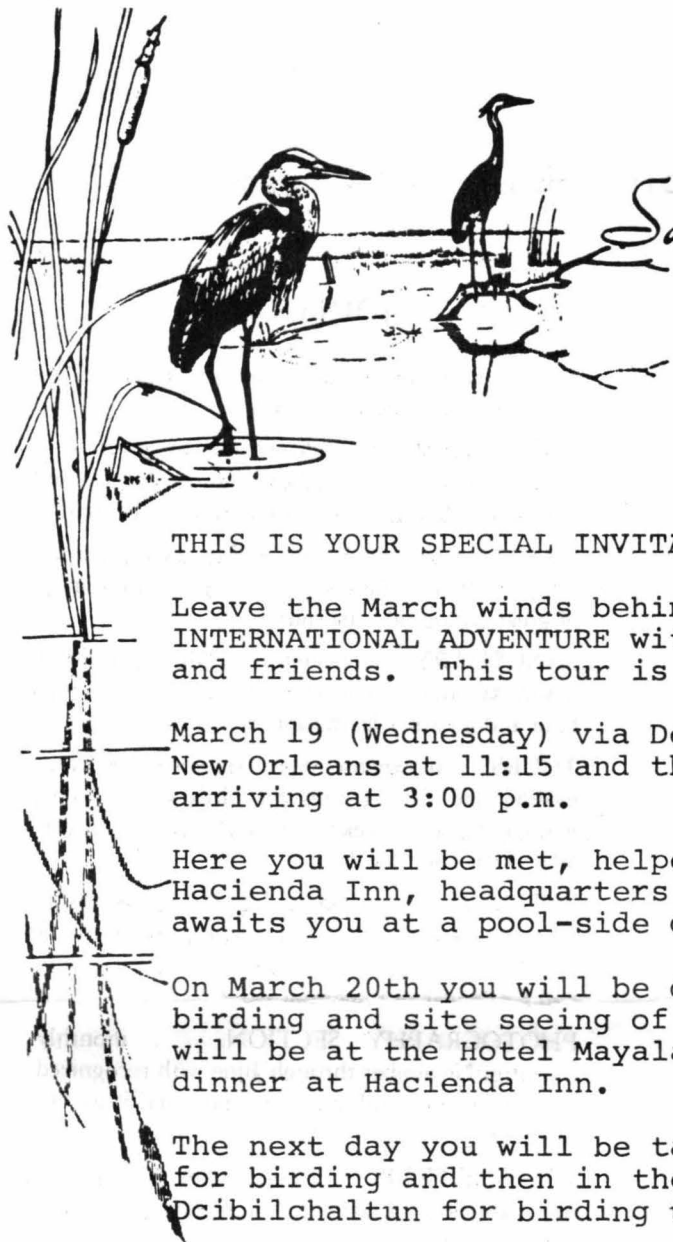
MAIL TO: Saint Louis Audubon Society, 2109 Briargate Lane,
St. Louis, Missouri 63122

The Photography Section of the Saint Louis Audubon Society offers you a very specialized and informative group of workshops, both in and out of doors. This section of the Society is under the expert direction of Ed and Lee Mason. If you have technical questions please call them 427-6311.

We ask that you keep these pages of the schedule of Spring Events so you may refer to dates and places. Make your wants known and if you wish an extra copy of the schedule of events let us know.

Weather conditions may necessitate a cancellation of an event. If in doubt call: 965-8642, or 843-1605, or 427-6311.

NOTES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Saint Louis Audubon Society

CONNIE HATH, *Executive Director*
2109 BRIARGATE LANE
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THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION

Leave the March winds behind and welcome spring in Yucatan on an INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURE with Saint Louis Audubon Society members and friends. This tour is strictly limited to 20 people.

March 19 (Wednesday) via Delta Airlines at 9:40 a.m. Arrive in New Orleans at 11:15 and then on to Merida Yucatan, Mexico, arriving at 3:00 p.m.

Here you will be met, helped through customs and driven to the Hacienda Inn, headquarters for your Adventure. A warm welcome awaits you at a pool-side orientation party.

On March 20th you will be driven to Chichen Itza for a day of birding and site seeing of the ruins of Chichen Itza. Lunch will be at the Hotel Mayaland. We return in the evening for dinner at Hacienda Inn.

The next day you will be taken to an area 25 miles out of Merida for birding and then in the afternoon a trip will be made to Dcibilchaltun for birding until dark.

March 22nd you will depart at 5:00 a.m. for the river. This is a special day of birding in the Celestun area with a picnic lunch served on the beach. After lunch you will travel to the light house and the marsh area.

March 23rd will offer a free morning for visiting the market place. After lunch we will depart for the ruins of Uxmal for site seeing of the ruins and visiting the famous gardens. Dinner will be at Uxmal and then on to the sound and light show at 8:45.

March 24th (Monday) depart for the United States.

This ADVENTURE of six days and five nights is offered to members and friends of the St. Louis Audubon Society for only \$650.00 plus a \$50.00 tax deductible donation to the society. It is an all expense tour. Because of the fast and steady increase of airline ticket prices, reservations must be made now, and the tickets purchased at once. This tour can never again be offered at this price.

SEND CHECK FOR \$700 PER PERSON.

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JOIN NOW

Your membership supports important projects of the St. Louis Audubon Society.

SCHOLARSHIPS. . . scholarships are given area youth leaders to Audubon Camps located in Wisconsin, Maine, Wyoming and Connecticut.

SOAR. . . Save Our American Raptors, a grant-in-aid to Missouri University-Columbia, is a program of great ecological importance.

SANCTUARY. . . plans are being made for a nature sanctuary for protection of native fauna and flora and a nature learning center.

TOURS. . . all expense tours to important nesting, feeding and resting sites for birds and wildlife, Mingo, Squaw Creek, Crab Orchard, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Florida.

BULLETIN. . . bi-monthly BULLETIN features articles of local interest, where to look and who to call for birding, a page for junior readers, coming events and a calendar of important dates.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION. . . monthly meetings November through June with recognized teacher-photographers. Special mailings to members.

WILDLIFE FILMS. . . 5 outstanding nature films by nationally known photographer-naturalists given free of charge.

WE WELCOME YOU TO MEMBERSHIP

Jack Van Benthuyssen, President

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JUNIOR AUDUBON NEWS

by Beverly J. Letchworth

ANYTHING GOES



Here are some words that make us think. They are not happy words but, if we all work at it, we can make them NOT come true.

ANIMAL SPECIES DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE HUMANS PREFER TO LIVE.

IT IS ESTIMATED OUR WORLD LOSES ONE SPECIES A DAY.

BY THE LATE 1980's WE MAY LOSE ONE SPECIES EVERY HOUR.

(These statements are taken from Norman Myers' book, "The Sinking Ark")

WILDLIFE TRAILS

Have you ever hiked through a swamp? A good place to try out this adventure is Mingo Swamp in the southern part of our state near Puxico.

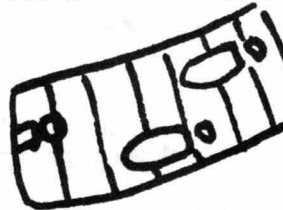


MINGO IS AN INDIAN WORD MEANING TREACHEROUS. BUT YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF A TRUE SWAMP WITHOUT THE DANGER OF STEPPING ON A POISONOUS SNAKE AND WITHOUT GETTING YOUR FEET WET.

You travel the winding boardwalk which is a platform built several feet above the muck of Mingo. See the strange cypress trees with their knobby knees, the acres of large lotus blooms as yellow as clumps of butter among the greenery.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FROGS, SALAMANDERS, LIZARDS AND SKINKS. LISTEN FOR THE CHIRPS AND CRY OF BIRDS. HERONS AND EGRETS LOVE THIS SWAMP, AND YOU MAY BE LUCKY AND CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A HAWK OR OSPREY.



Button bushes line the trail. They seem as decorated as Christmas trees with their white spiny balls of seeds hanging from every limb. Touch one.

THEN CLIMB THE OBSERVATION TOWER AND WATCH THE VULTURES CIRCLING OVERHEAD AND LOOK DOWN UPON THE ACRES AND ACRES OF DIFFERENT COLORED GREENS THAT MAKE UP THE SWAMP WORLD OF MINGO.



UPBEAT

! April 22, 1980 marks the 10th anniversary of Earth Day. A lot has happened in the past decade to improve our environment. Let's keep the ideas coming. Not only is it important --it is necessary!

! An ancient animal community which lived 10 million years ago has been discovered in Yellowstone Park. Since the skeletons were completely intact, they will provide us with valuable clues to the habits and relationships of ancient animals.

! Cheers for Florida! They have established refuges for the manatee, that sea mammal thought to be a marine relative of the elephant. There are only about 800-1000 manatees left in our country. They have become endangered largely due to human activities. Collisions with boats and their propellers are the main known cause of death among manatees. We hope for success in saving these gentle vegetarians.

! America's most endangered mammal is thought to be the red wolf. Once ranging throughout the southeast, this wolf probably does not roam free in the wild anymore. We know of only 40 surviving in a Washington zoo. Breeding of the captive wolves may be the answer to saving the red wolf.

! Two New Jersey cities are using owls instead of poison in their rodent control programs. Adult owls can eliminate up to 35 rats and mice a day.



OFFBEAT

Here are some interesting facts that are fun to know . . .

- * How high can birds fly? A vulture was seen flying at 25,000 feet. Storks sometimes fly at 20,000' when migrating. Some shore birds reach 12,000'.
- * The bits of light you see at night glowing in rotten logs may belong to beetle grubs.
- * Some bats may catch gnats faster than one a second.
- * Bluebirds have been known to nest as low as three feet above ground.
- * Wrens bring many things to their nests--hairpins, nails, tacks, staples, straight pins, paper clips, fish hooks, pieces of wire, shoe buckles.
- * The moon revolves around the earth just a little slower than the earth revolves on its own axis which is why the moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each day.
- * A flea can jump 300 times its own length.



GAME FUN

ANIMAL HUNT! Find the twelve animals printed in this jumble of letters.

A L L I R O G S X P A T
C B W O L F T H H R T R
U W K N U K S R A A B I
A N T E L O P E T C S O
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antelope
tiger

raccoon
shrew

bison
cheetah

camel
bear

gorilla
wolf

fox
skunk